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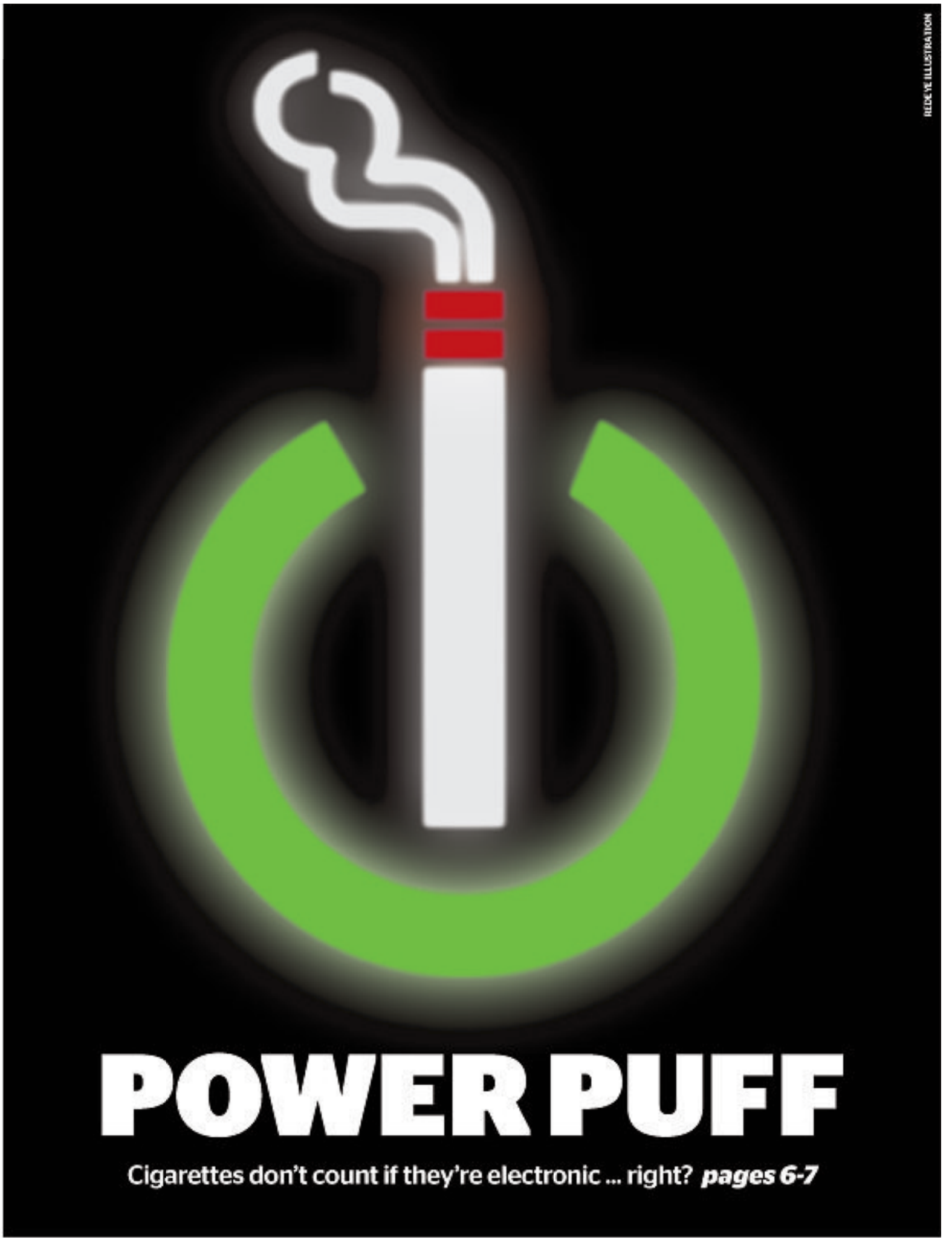

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Cigarettes don't count if they're electronic ... right? *pages 6-7*

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EAT

RED WHITE AND BLUEGRASS JAM

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DO

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CONGRESS STILL CAN'T AGREE ON RATES

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Interest rates on some U.S. government-backed student loans doubled to 6.8 percent from 3.4 percent Monday. Democrats, Republicans, and the Obama administration failed to strike a deal to prevent the increase, although congressional leaders say an agreement still is possible after the July 4 recess ends next week.

For now, students are left without any clarity as they face August bills for the fall semester. If there is no deal, the 7 million students expected to take out new subsidized Stafford loans this academic year could be stuck with thousands of dollars more in interest costs.

The average student who borrows for four years would pay an additional $4,000 over the life of the loans, according to White House estimates.

Sampson Armstrong III, who has just completed his freshman year at Howard University, will have borrowed $60,000 for his college education by next winter. About $8,000 of that came from Stafford loans, and the higher rates would cost him $1,000 over the life of those loans. On top of his even costlier private loans, that hurts.

"It's very discouraging," said Armstrong, a District of Columbia native. "I'd like to go to graduate school, but I don't know if it will be a possibility now."

Under proposals backed by Republicans and President Obama, interest on all federal education lending would be pegged to the 10-year Treasury note, the market rate the U.S. government pays when it borrows. Recently that rate has hovered slightly above 2 percent.

Obama and the Republicans disagree on whether those loans could be locked in as fixed and how high the rates should be.

Either plan "would at least provide some predictability for families," says Rory O'Sullivan, policy director at advocacy group Young Invincibles. "Student loan interest rates shouldn't be a political football every June."

But critics suggest Washington should just freeze rates at their current 3.4 percent level for a year or two and use the time to plan a more comprehensive reform of the whole student loan system.

Whatever lawmakers decide will have a real impact. The cost of college in the U.S. has more than quadrupled over the past 25 years, and student debt in the country has tripled over the past decade, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Student loans now are the second-largest type of debt held by U.S. households after mortgages.

5 ways to be smart about student loans

While Congress fights, you can prepare. Here are some ways to navigate the student-loan game.

- Empty the savings account first. If you have money to pay for college, consider using it up before borrowing anything. That will help in two ways: It will keep your initial borrowing down, and it will leave you fewer assets. That could help position you for more financial aid when you finally do apply.
- Shop around—carefully. Some banks and private lenders claim their rates are lower than those on unsubsidized Stafford loans offered by the federal government.
- Earn more, borrow less. Students who do not qualify for a work-study job can go off campus and find employment for a few hours a week, says Scott Weingold, co-founder of the Ohio-based College Planning Network.
- Rethink the whole enterprise. Students who really are squeezing their family budget and borrowing large amounts to go to college should make sure they want to follow that path.
- Ask yourself: Am I choosing a major that will allow me to pay back my loans? Am I going to a college I can afford? REUTERS

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Check, please! Yes, over here

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My boyfriend and I were nearing the end of our dinner at a dimly lit, wood-accented, sensibly priced restaurant downtown. After a few drinks, an appetizer and our respective entrees, we were tipsy, stuffed and ready to leave.

From afar, our waiter read our mood, glided over to the table and asked the expected, "Anything else?"

Simultaneously my boyfriend and I replied (in some variation or another): "We'll take the check."

When the waiter reappeared several minutes later, he uttered the courteous "whenever you're ready" line, flashed a smile and placed the black leather booklet containing our bill directly in front of my boyfriend.

Some people reading this will see nothing wrong with the above scenario. But others will empathize with how I felt in that moment: snubbed, insulted and harshly aware that the past 50 years of feminism still aren't enough.

I wanted to stand up and shout, "I'M THE BREADWINNER, THANK YOU!" But I refrained. Instead I rolled my eyes, snatched up the bill and jammed my card into the plastic pouch with such attitude before standing the booklet up directly in front of me. There would be no confusion about who was paying for this meal.

This experience wasn't unique. Countless waiters and waitresses at restaurants of all price points have made the same mistake. Some have even returned the paid bill to my boyfriend, although the credit card used clearly had a girl's name on it.

Chances are most servers assign the check to the guy subconsciously. Maybe they really do see men pay more often and consequently have become conditioned to hand the check to *him*.

Still, it's no excuse. The male-gets-the-check convention is outmoded. American women are increasingly infiltrating the labor force, which means we can afford to buy dinner too.

A study last month from Pew Research Center showed 40 percent of all households with children under the age of 18 now include mothers who are either the sole or primary income earner for their families. Almost half of the U.S. labor force—47 percent—is composed of women.

While there still are many more glass ceilings to crack, rest assured we will get there. And when we do, we'll pick up the tab at even more dinners enjoyed with our male companions.

So waiters and waitresses, before you slap the bill down in front of the guy out of habit, entertain the thought that the lady might be paying. Just place the check in the middle of the table and walk away.

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HOT

#BROKESTERTIPS!

It started with an office barbecue: Our Brokester columnist Megan Crepeau (**@crepeau**) suggested something after staffers packed up some leftovers to go; then, Assistant Editor Dana Moran (**@RedEyeDana**) pointed out both the logic and humor in said suggestion:

"Hot brokesters tip from **@crepeau**: if you get free hot dogs from your office, feel free to return the ones you bought today to Jewel"

This eventually got out of hand, as it usually does, and evolved into a series of "hot brokester tips" tweets. We figure you probably have plenty yourself, so we're starting a new thing:

#BROKESTERTIP

Tweet yours this summer. And enjoy these from Dana and Megan in the meantime. We're all in this struggle together, right?

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Into the Mist?

E-cigs are popping up everywhere—but are they a softer smoke?

By Mick Swasko | REDEYE

Adam Stein hasn't lit up a cigarette since September, but he's still puffing away regularly.

The 32-year-old from Humboldt Park pitched his last pack after his wife's mother died of lung cancer, and he says he hasn't caved to temptation in more than 10 months. Stein credits electronic cigarettes—battery-powered devices that deliver nicotine through vapor—for helping him kick the habit he has had since he was 15 years old. His $50-a-month order for electronic cigarettes doesn't come close to the $11 a day he spent on tobacco cigarettes.

"I tell people it's the difference between getting a cup of coffee and a latte," he said. "You're still getting the caffeine, but without all of the sweet stuff and fat. You get used to black coffee."

Sold under brand names such as V2, NJOY and Blu, electronic cigarettes, or e-cigs, are a growing market estimated at $500 million in 2012, according to the Wall Street Journal. Though that pales in comparison to traditional cigarette sales, estimated at $80 billion per year, e-cigs are becoming more common at bars, offices and other public places. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 20 percent of adult smokers have tried the product, and some brands have even taken to the airwaves to advertise—something regular cigs have been blocked from doing for decades.

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Much about the e-cig industry, however, remains cloudy. Several states have tried and failed to ban their sale. The University of Illinois Chicago includes electronic cigarettes in a smoking ban that took effect Monday. The Food and Drug Administration currently has oversight into sale, packaging and manufacture of the product, but it has yet to exert any control over e-cig com-

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panies.

Because they don't have FDA approval, e-cig makers cannot market the products as an aid to quit smoking or claim that they are healthy or therapeutic.

Smoking cessation experts say that early research into the vapors—as well as the chemicals added to the nicotine for flavoring and to lessen irritation—suggests they may be harmful, reigniting the debate about secondhand smoke in public places. E-cig company leaders say they want to see their products completely replace traditional cigarettes, while some health professionals say they don't want them around.

Are these electronic copies the future of lighting up, or just another smokescreen for nicotine addiction?

"The fact is that e-cigs have become trendy and popular," said Carol Southard, tobacco treatment specialist and a smoking cessation expert for 28 years at Northwestern University Hospital.

"To me, that feeds into another fact that's ignored, when you survey smokers: Every survey says 70 percent of them say they wish they could quit. I bet most smokers reach for them and say 'maybe I can quit now.' "

But despite some reports of success using the devices to quit smoking, Southard said, not enough research has been done into the vapors' long-term health effects—both for smokers and those around them.

She points to recent research out of the University of Greece, Athens, that shows the devices cause restriction in the airways and harm the lungs, and another study indicating e-cigarette vapors can contain particles that have proven harmful to the respiratory system.

"The implication is that [e-cigs contain] only nicotine," she said. "When I heard that, I knew that couldn't be the case."

Craig Weiss, CEO of Scottsdale, Ariz.-based e-cig company NJOY, said additional chemicals are added to the product for flavoring and to make the nicotine less irritating when inhaled. He said his company has conducted extensive research into the vapors, which he said will be made publicly available in the next few months.

Southard disagrees with some in her field who say e-cigs offer a "harm reduction" method of quitting, and said smokers should look to anti-nicotine medication such as Chantix or to nicotine patches, which contain nicotine that is benign.

Considering the FDA restrictions, Weiss said, NJOY's selling point is as an alternative for current smokers: an odorless, ashless way for a nicotine fix to be delivered indoors. The product's weight, taste and feel all mimic traditional tobacco cigarettes, and as such, are marketed only to current smokers, he said.

Weiss said he both expects and welcomes "reasonable" regulation from the FDA, but said he does not believe attempts by some states to ban the product are in the public's best interest. He said the company's ultimate goal is for e-cigs to make regular cigarettes a thing of the past.

"We want to create a world where my 3-year-old and 6-year-old will ask me, 'You used to light this on fire and put this in your mouth?' " he said.

For Stein, who used to spend more than $400 a month on his old habit, the intent is to eventually wean himself completely from nicotine. In the meantime, he said he's enjoying having a full appetite and not always being out of breath.

"Even after a year of smoking the e-cigarettes, I still crave a cigarette," he said. "But is it worth it? Not really."

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Rechargeable e-cigs puff on and on and ...

Electronic cigarettes have grown to a $500-million-a-year market, and the companies that make them are fighting to win over traditional smokers with a message of convenience and freedom to smoke anywhere. The technology was invented in 2003, and hit the U.S. market in earnest in 2007. Investment research firm UBS said sales have doubled every year since 2008 and are expected to reach 1 billion by the end of 2013.

E-cigs typically come in two parts: a "cartomizer," which contains a liquid blend of nicotine and chemicals that are vaporized, and a battery to power the device. Depending on the manufacturer, a pack-a-day smoker could expect as many puffs from a cartridge as they would 20 to 40 cigarettes. RedEye took a look at three larger e-cig makers and the features they offer to lure smokers to their product. MS.

Blu: The company offers a traditional-size pack with room for five vapor cartridges, with flavors ranging from chocolate to cherry. Certain packs contain a series of colored lights built in the side of the pack that alert the user when a store that sells refills is nearby. The pack itself is charged with a USB cord, which keeps the batteries powered when unplugged.

NJOY: The NJOY King, one of the company's newest products, comes as a single-use e-cig that copies the weight, feel and flavor of a tobacco cigarette. The company began a national TV advertising campaign in late 2012, the first commercial advertising for a product resembling a cigarette to air since the '70s.

V2: The e-cig maker offers a pre-charged, single-use electronic cigarette as well as kits of cartridges and batteries that can cost as much as $180. The company lets users choose how much nicotine is delivered, and offers a nicotine-free cartridge.

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IT'S A BABY!
A giraffe calf, born June 21, roams its enclosure Tuesday at Brookfield Zoo.
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Emanuel: Red Line work is on track

Chicago Tribune

CTA officials say the Red Line reconstruction is on budget and on schedule to be done by October, but they had little information Tuesday about the cost so far of special CTA service or how ridership numbers have been affected by shutting down the southern part of the city's busiest public transportation route for more than a month so far.

The update came as Mayor Emanuel joined CTA President Forrest Claypool and board Chairman Terry Peterson for a photo-op stroll along the gravel path where until recently the Red Line tracks ran under 47th Street in the middle of the Dan Ryan.

The mayor predicted businesses will want to set up shop near the line when the work is complete. "It also means, because of the traffic, there will be more retail opportunities," Emanuel said.

To curb the inevitable inconvenience to riders as part of the politically sensitive project, the agency added free shuttle buses from the closed Red Line corridor to the Garfield station on the Green Line, where riders can board for free.

Bus rides are also being discounted 50 cents for routes south of 63rd Street. The CTA hired additional bus drivers, in part to handle the shuttle service and added bus passengers on South Side routes.

The cost of providing the extra and alternative service is estimated to run $13 million by the time the project is complete. But Claypool said he doesn't know how much money has been spent so far on the beefed-up South Side bus service the CTA instituted.

Claypool said it's too early for the CTA to tell whether ridership has fallen off significantly during the six weeks the Red Line has been closed, as it did during the two-year Green Line reconstruction during the 1990s.

Homicides from June 26 to 4 p.m. Tuesday.

HOMICIDE TRACKER

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CHICAGO VIOLENCE
ONE CITY UNDER THE GUN

New City and South Shore each saw three homicides in the past week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

In New City, a 5-year-old boy and 31-year-old woman were shot to death Friday in the 5300 block of South Winchester Avenue, police said. One day earlier, a 29-year-old man was stabbed to death in the 1000 block of West Garfield Boulevard, according to officials.

In South Shore, a 24-year-old man was fatally shot Sunday in the 2400 block of East 75th Street, police said. On Friday, a 16-year-old boy was shot to death in the 7500 block of South Kingston Avenue, according to officials.

Two days earlier, an 18-year-old man was fatally shot in the 7500 block of South Merrill Avenue, police said.

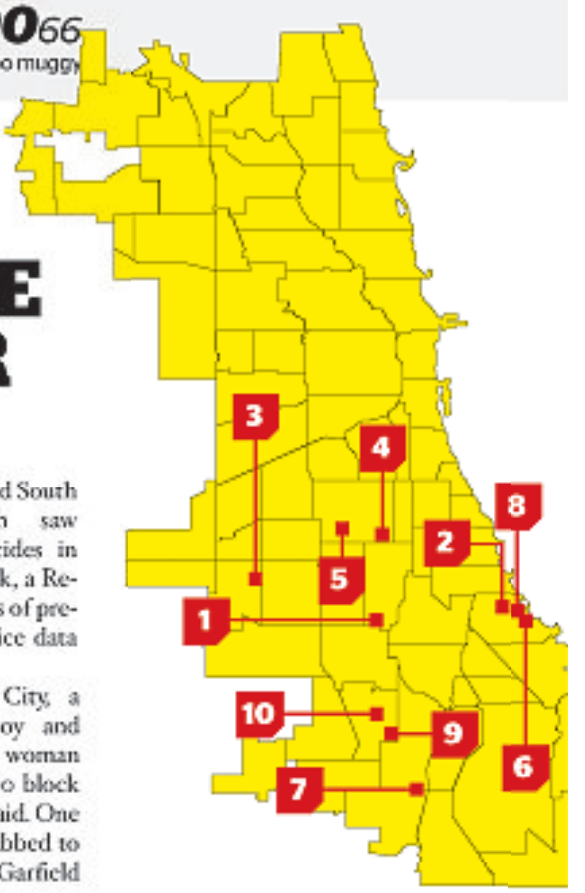
Meanwhile, Washington Heights saw two homicides this week.

A 23-year-old man was fatally shot Tuesday in the 9900 block of South Halsted Street, police said. One day earlier, an 18-year-old man was shot to death in the 10400 block of South Green Street, according to officials.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were logged in the last week in Englewood, West Lawn and West Pullman, RedEye determined.

June ended this week with 43 homicides, down from 47 homicides in June 2012, RedEye found.

Two homicides have been logged so far this month. Forty-nine homicides were recorded in July 2012, according to RedEye data.



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2 7500 BLOCK OF S. MERRILL AVE.
Date: June 26 **Cause:** Gunshot

3 3600 BLOCK OF W. 64TH ST.
Date: June 27 **Cause:** Gunshot

4 1000 BLOCK OF W. GARFIELD BLVD.
Date: June 27 **Cause:** Stabbing

5 5300 BLOCK OF S. WINCHESTER AVE.
Date: June 28 **Cause:** Gunshot
Victims: 2

6 7500 BLOCK OF S. KINGSTON AVE.
Date: June 28 **Cause:** Gunshot

7 100 BLOCK OF W. 116TH ST.
Date: June 29 **Cause:** Gunshot

8 2400 BLOCK OF E. 75TH ST.
Date: June 30 **Cause:** Gunshot

9 10400 BLOCK OF S. GREEN ST.
Date: July 1 **Cause:** Gunshot

10 9900 BLOCK OF S. HALSTED ST.
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1 A cyclist looks at a sculpture by French artist Guy Lorgeret on Monday in Betton, France. GETTY IMAGES

2 People walk through the algae-covered seaside Monday in Qingdao, China. REUTERS

3 Three Jungle Lynx kittens rest at a shelter Tuesday in Ahmedabad, India. GETTY IMAGES

4 Well-wishers left messages for former South African President Nelson Mandela near the MediClinic Heart Hospital on Tuesday in Pretoria, South Africa. GETTY IMAGES

Obama delays major health care provision

5 The requirement that businesses provide their workers with health insurance—a key provision contained in President Obama's sweeping health care law—will be delayed by one year, the Treasury Department said Tuesday.

The delay came after business owners expressed concerns about the complexity of the reporting requirements, the agency said in its announcement.

Under the Affordable Care Act, businesses employing more than 50 full-time people that don't provide workers health insurance will be penalized.

"We recognize that the vast majority of businesses that will need to do this reporting already provide health insurance to their workers, and we want to make sure it is easy for others to do so. We have listened to your feedback. And we are taking action," Mark J. Mazur, assistant secretary for tax policy, wrote in a post on the Treasury Department's website.

He said the extra year before the requirement goes into effect will allow the government to assess ways to simplify the reporting process for businesses.

Penalties for businesses not providing health coverage to employees now will begin in 2015.

Supporters of the employer mandate note that most employers already provide health insurance to full-time workers, and downplay the effect the requirement would have on small businesses, citing figures showing the vast majority of small businesses employ fewer than 50 workers.

But opponents claim the employer mandate is a potential job killer, saying businesses near the 50-worker cutoff will be unlikely to ramp up hiring if it means they're required to provide employees health insurance.

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Republicans have continued to attack the measure as confusing and bad for business, and voted again to repeal the law this spring. Some Democrats also have voiced concern about the roll-out of the health law—Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.), who helped craft the legislation, expressed serious anxiety in April about its implementation.

Egyptian president rejects military

6 Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi refused Tuesday to bow to a military ultimatum that he find a solution to the unrest sweeping the country or be pushed aside, setting the stage for a possible showdown.

Report: Officials hid pedophile priests

7 Roman Catholic Church officials in Milwaukee vigorously shielded pedophile priests and protected church funds from lawsuits during a decadeslong sex abuse scandal, according to hundreds of documents released Monday.

Canada Day terror attempt thwarted

8 Canadian police said Tuesday they foiled an al-Qaida-inspired plot to detonate three pressure-cooker bombs during Monday's Canada Day holiday outside the parliament building in Victoria, arresting a Canadian man and woman and seizing their homemade explosive devices.

Former Groupon CEO drops album

Andrew Mason, the artist formerly known as the CEO of Groupon, released his first album Tuesday—a seven-track collection of poppy, motivational songs about business leadership called "Hardly Workin'."

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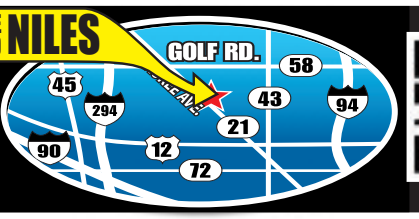

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Zombies! Romance! Strikeouts! Chicago baseball is the reel deal this summer

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Now that the Blackhawks season is over, it's time for baseball season in Chicago to officially start.

So here's a quick recap of the 2013 season. The Cubs and White Sox have played some games. The Cubs and White Sox have lost most games. A man named Brian Bogusevic is on the Cubs.

But that doesn't mean the Sox and Cubs aren't worth watching. In fact, bad years are what make good years so enjoyable (in theory, for Cubs fans). And just because something is bad doesn't mean people don't want to see it. Just look at summer movies.

So what better way to make the Sox and Cubs seem interesting than turning their season into movie pitches?

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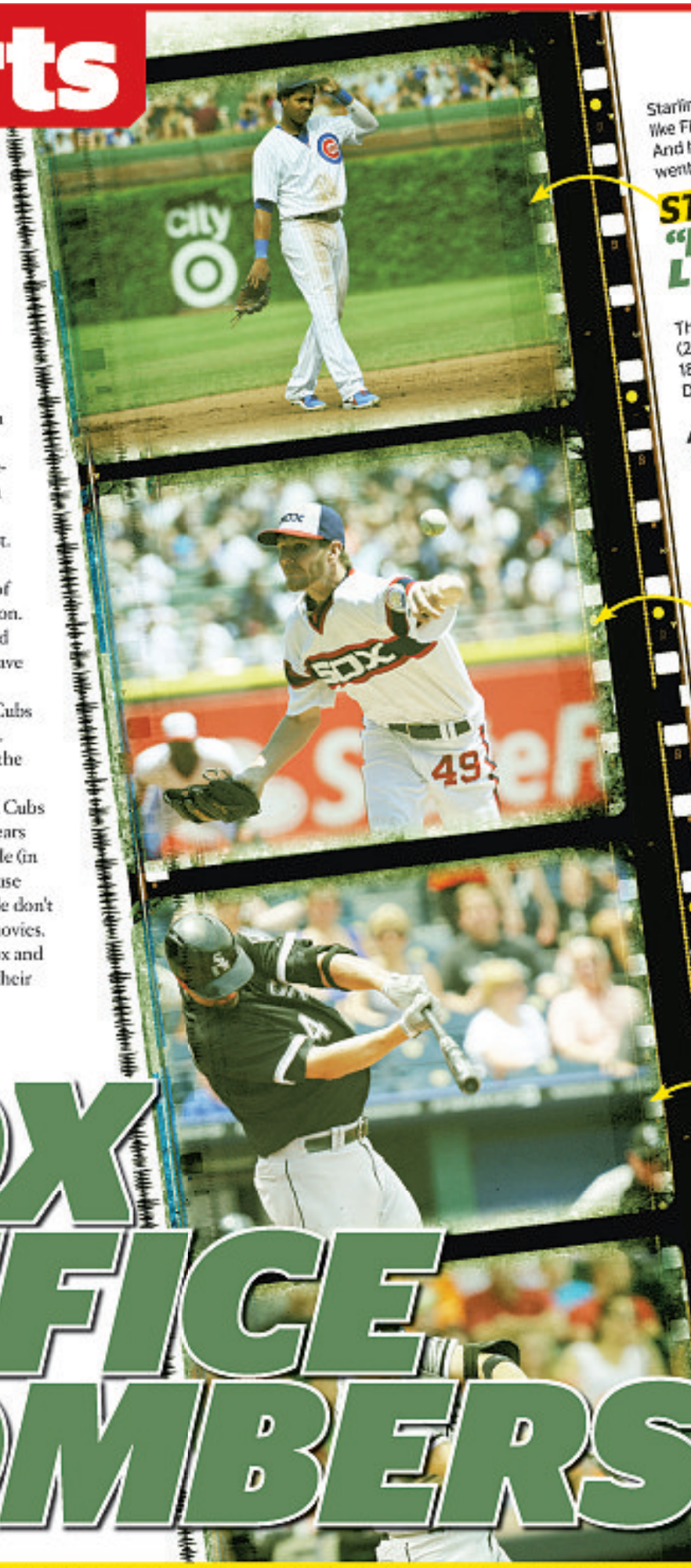

Starlin Castro is playing more like Fidel Castro. He's not hitting, running or playing much defense. And he's supposed to be the franchise player for the Cubs. Sox fans went through the same thing with Gordon Beckham a few years ago.

STARLIN CASTRO IN "DON'T END UP LIKE BECKHAM"

There's almost no chance Adam Dunn hits his listed weight (285 pounds) this season, but will he hit Chris Sale's listed weight of 180 (actual weight: probably 108)? This essentially is a better repeat of Dunn's awful 2011 season. And everyone loves sequels!

ADAM DUNN IN "NOT WELL DUNN 2"

Chris Sale is the best pitcher Chicago has seen since Mark Prior and Kerry Wood. So that'll be cool until he wrecks his arm forever. But right now he's the closest thing to an Old West gunslinger in Chicago baseball.

CHRIS SALE IN "FOR SALE: OPPONENTS' BATS, NEVER USED"

Matt Garza, Alfonso Soriano, Kevin Gregg and others are on the block—and even have trade value. Carlos Marmol, Steve Clevenger and Scott Feldman already are history. But what if one of them were accidentally traded for a zombie?!

THEO EPSTEIN AND JED HOYER IN "DAWN OF THE DEADLINE"

Paul Konerko has struggled. He's basically a shell of what he used to be. "Another zombie movie?" you say. "Of course another zombie movie," I say.

PAUL KONERKO IN "27 OUTS LATER"

Jeff Keppinger has seven extra-base hits. He has started at four positions this year, including DH. There's a very outside chance he plays more positions than gets extra-base hits, which would be pretty cool. Also, very, very sad. I smell an indie rom-com!

JEFF KEPPINGER IN "100 SINGLES OF SUMMER"

SCOTT BOLOHAN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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You could soon end up on Kristin Cavallari's Instagram. She puts pretty much everything else on there.

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1	**Putting your honeymoon photos on Instagram is like ...**	... OMG! You guys! They forgot the baby! THEY FORGOT BABY JAY AT HOME.	... putting your wedding pics on Instagram. NOOOOOOOBODY CARRRRREEESSS	... #adorbz #married #truelove #forever #VOMIT	No clue, but I'm sure Kim Kardashian, Lindsay Lohan or Amanda Bynes is behind it.	... pretty predictable if you're married to most of the women I know.
2	**What's the first thing the Blackhawks' draft picks should know about Chicago?**	No cups necessary. You're playing off what they protect anyway.	This is a drinking town with a hockey problem. Keep your noses clean.	We like our beers cold, our wins big and our press conferences uncensored.	No shaving is allowed from the end of April to the end of June.	It's close to Rockford, which is where they'll most likely be playing.
3	**How will the Blackhawks be different without Bolland and Frolik?**	Just sad I never got to combine their names. BoFro? FroBo? BroLik?	The same way we all will. By Frolik-ing our Bollands to completion.	They have way fewer opportunities to use the terrible pun "Mike Czech!"	They'll be $5 million lighter on their third and fourth lines. Salary cap casualties.	Same way they were different without Versteeg and Byfuglien. Things will be back to normal in no time.
4	**Whom should the Bulls hire as their new assistant coach?**	Clone our previous coach. One-eighth his size. Mini Del Negro.	Nick Nolte from "Blue Chips."	Coach Carmody! Come on, help out a former Wildcat.	Since offense isn't important to Tom Thibodeau, how about White Sox hitting coach Jeff Manto? (I kid.)	Derrick Rose's agents, just so they can fire them at something.
5	**Why have there been so many upsets at Wimbledon?**	They started allowing "Mario Tennis"-style turbo shots.	Because Wimbledon be shopping? (Don't care that it's lame. On vacation at the end of this sent-)	Underdogs play well in white linen.	The long-term effects of being on grass: burnout.	To give us something to talk about other than Chicago baseball for a while.

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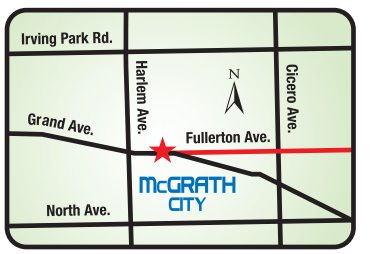

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Take a swing

How did the Cubs and Sox's moves rate?

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Maybe it's because they were sick of being overshadowed by the Blackhawks' big moves. Or maybe they're serious about retooling. Whatever the case, the Cubs and Sox were awfully busy Tuesday. So were these moves a single, double, triple or home run?

GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Cubs trade Carlos Marmol

What they get: Relief pitcher Matt Guerrier, from the L.A. Dodgers.
Rating: Home run
We're not totally shocked the Cubs got SOMETHING for Marmol. He did have 38 saves in 2010 and 34 in 2011. But all that matters now is he's someone else's headache.

Cubs trade Ronald Torreyes

What they get: Two international signing bonus slots from Houston.
Rating: Single
So long, Ronald. We understand you are an infielder, but that's about all we know. As with the Baltimore deal, it's all about the international bonus pool money right now. You understand.

Sox sign Micker Zapata

What they get: Zapata is a 16-year-old, 6-foot-3, 225-pound outfielder from the Dominican Republic. We repeat: He's 16, and he's huge!
Rating: Triple
For the $1.6 million signing bonus the Sox gave this kid, it's low-risk, high-reward. The main drawback? They might have to wait half a decade to find out if he can play in the majors.

Cubs trade Scott Feldman, Steve Clevenger

What they get: Pitchers Jake Arrieta and Pedro Strop, and two international signing bonus slots, all from Baltimore.
Rating: Double
A big part of this move is collecting "international bonus pool money" to sign players. Bottom line: That's a good thing, and Feldman and Clevenger weren't doing much anyway.

Sox hire Jim Thome

What they get: Thome will serve as a special assistant to the general manager.
Rating: Home run
This move is tremendous for the PR value alone. Even just putting him on the Jumbotron and having him wave will get fans at the Cell going, kinda like the Hawks do with Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita.

Just say no-hitter

Cincinnati's Homer Bailey now owns the two most recent no-hitters in the majors. Bailey, who had a perfect game through six innings Tuesday, finished with the 16th no-hitter in franchise history, striking out nine in a 3-0 victory over the San Francisco Giants at Great American Ball Park.

Blackhawks week!

If you weren't busy July 14-18, you are now. Comcast SportsNet will use that week to replay all 12 Blackhawks playoff victories in the first three rounds this season, plus all six Stanley Cup Final games and coverage of the victory parade. Score!

HOT DATE

AUG. 8

That's when the Blackhawks will hold tryouts for the 2013-14 Ice Crew. They will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Johnny's IceHouse East, 1350 W. Madison St.; you can find a registration form on the team's website.

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By Kate Bernot | REDEYE

Old Fifth
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Whiskey and pizza—why don't we see more of this dynamic duo? Old Fifth, a nearly month-old sports bar in the West Loop, provides the city with not only these two essentials, but solid draft beer and ample TVs as well. On a stretch of Madison leading to the United Center, this newcomer—named for a former 5th Ward alderman who in 1872 developed the building that now houses the pizzeria—isn't lacking for sports bar competition. But the pizza focus and industrial-cool dining room set this new face apart from darker, dated bars. I dropped by in search of a new West Loop hangout to take in the Blackhawks' final Stanley Cup game—which I'm not sure Chicago has fully finished celebrating—and pulled up a bar stool before the game began. As the bar slowly became packed shoulder-to-shoulder, I settled in for a roller coaster ride of power plays, lightning-quick goals and some double-decker pizza.

Pie basics: General manager Brian Wiley said Old Fifth's pies don't fit a specific style, but described the crust as "thin, but not cracker-thin" with square-cut slices baked in a gas oven.

My first impression: Wow, these pies are sweet—literally. Wiley said the kitchen aims for a sweet crust and a sweeter sauce with a bit of spice, which reminded my taste buds of the malted crust, Quad-Cities pies at West Town pizzeria Roots. The result was a bit sugary for me, but a healthy dose of cheese and noticeable herb flecks tempered it a bit. In addition to regular cheese pizza ($16 for a large), Old Fifth recently debuted build-your-own toppings as well as signature pies such as the Kentucky Pizza 'Cue with barbecue pulled pork and the Holden's Heater with spicy Italian sausage and giardiniera.

Go double decker: What's better than one pizza? Two pizzas, duh. Old Fifth begins its double-decker pizza with a single pie, then adds another layer of dough and toppings. This sounded more epic in theory than it was in reality; when my server dropped off the pepperoni pie ($22 for a large), it just looked like a slightly thicker version of the regular pie. I appreciated the extra cheesiness and the savoriness of the pepperoni, as well as the fact that the crust supported the extra bulk of those toppings.

Reheated: Two very hungry people probably could take down a whole large pie, but I had mucho leftovers to munch on the next day. I prefer my day-old pizzas cold from the fridge, but found that the double-decker's bottom crust crisped up again nicely in the oven. The interior slices of the regular pie didn't fare as well, so I opted to cut and eat the floppy slices with a fork and knife.

Sides and suds: Though Old Fifth boasts a 140-bottle deep whiskey list as well as whiskey flights and signature cocktails, most people on the bar side of the room had beers in hand during the game. I was pleased by the prices and variety of craft beer options, but had a hard time deciphering them on the printed menu, which on my visit only listed the name of beer, not the brewery that made it. Though I was in an all-pizza mood, I spied a bit on other diners' meals, which included fish tacos, salads, pork shoulder-topped nachos and "handhelds," Old Fifth's word for sandwiches.

Bottom line: If you like a sweeter pie, Old Fifth should be at the top of your list. Even if you don't, the novelty of the double-decker pie, a solid beer list and a high-ceilinged, stylish bar make it worth stopping by next time you find yourself searching for booze and 'za in the West Loop.

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The High Plains Drifter cocktail

Pharrell (right) teamed up with Robin Thicke (left) and T.I. for the No. 1 hit "Blurred Lines."

Summer of Pharrell

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Welcome to the Summer of Pharrell! It's a rare feat in today's pop music world to be involved in the Top 2 songs in the country at any given time, the way Pharrell is on "Blurred Lines" with Robin Thicke and T.I. as well as "Get Lucky" with Daft Punk. What makes it even rarer is that the singer-songwriter-producer has more songs set for release. Here are Pharrell's other entries for Song of the Summer.

Lose Yourself to Dance

Daft Punk featuring Pharrell

Built on another hot Nile Rodgers guitar groove, "Lose Yourself" actually may be even hotter than "Get Lucky."

Happy

Pharrell Williams

Pharrell continues work with the "Despicable Me" franchise for this single from the "Despicable Me 2" soundtrack, building a slick soul groove that should keep the kids clapping along.

Feds Watching

2 Chainz featuring Pharrell

Pharrell gives 2 Chainz an island-tinged hip-hop groove with an edge, though its heavy-handed topic makes it the least Pharrell-ish of the bunch.

Pharrell and Usher (right) teamed up for the song "Twisted." GETTY IMAGES

Twisted

Usher featuring Pharrell

One of the standout tracks from Usher's "Looking 4 Myself" album, "Twisted" has all the hallmarks of a Pharrell production, with its odd percussion and stripped-back soul.

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NAKED TRUTH

National Pastime Theater unveils its fifth annual festival of nudity

By Julia Borcherts | FOR REDEYE

Think you know what kind of person attends a festival called Salon des Naked July: Art Stripped Down? Think again.

"We get old ladies and art critics and lawyers and mashers," says artistic director Laurence Bryan, "and they all keep each other in check."

The monthlong performance showcase, which returns for its fifth year, was created as a way to celebrate the beauty of all types of bodies and their connections to art through different types of performances, all featuring components of nudity. And while it's the relative novelty of nudity that brings people in the door, Bryan believes it's the transformative effect of the bodies as art that makes the most lasting impression on those who attend.

"At first, it's naked people, it's sexual," he says. "And then it kind of transfers. It becomes sensual, and then it becomes beautiful and then it becomes extremely comfortable, where there are naked people and dressed people talking."

While the festival always has included optional interactive components, they've been expanded this year to offer audience members additional ways to participate. Ready to dip in a toe—or dive in headfirst? There's a show for everyone—including both the person you are and the one you'd perhaps secretly like to become.

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FOR THE DARING
The Living Canvas: For the People!
Go: 10 p.m. Saturdays through July 20

The Living Canvas—where colored lights and multimedia imagery are projected onto nude bodies with musical accompaniment to bring both spectacle and storytelling to performance art—has been a part of the Naked July festival since its inception. In previous years, actors performed the same show each night and audience members were invited at the end of each show to strip down themselves and play naked in the lights if they wished. This year, the process goes further: Once you purchase a ticket, the company extends an opportunity for you to collaborate during a two-part workshop held the day of the show. You may be invited to be part of the team that creates that evening's show or asked to be one of the actors to perform that night onstage. But either way, the audience interaction factor makes each performance fresh and unique.

FOR THE SENSUALIST
Le Chat Noir
Go: 8 p.m. Fridays through July 26

Step back in time to the era of the Belle Epoque as artist Gary Schirmer hosts a laid-back BYOB Toulouse-Lautrec-style salon with live music. Step up to an easel and learn to create a portrait, learn to pose as a still model, bring a partner and take turns drawing and modeling for each other or just wander around the room and enjoy the art in progress. All supplies are included.

FOR DARK SOULS
Pride Films and Plays: 'Kill Your Boyfriends'
Go: 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday through July 28

Six actors blend movement and poetry from Sylvia Plath, Walt Whitman, William Shakespeare and others, plus lines devised by the actors themselves during rehearsal to delve into fears of sex, death and sleep and the differences between stripping and undressing—and between dressing and hiding—in this piece created by artistic associate Derek Van Barham, which also features the music of The Dresden Dolls, Mogwai, Cat Power, Lana Del Rey, The Civil Wars, Portishead, Andrew Bird, Patsy Cline and original compositions by sound designer Alex Mauney.

FOR THE FUN-LOVER
Vaudezilla's Urban Jungle Burlesque
Go: 10 p.m. Fridays through July 26

Take a hot summer's night walk from funkytown to sin city as the Chicago burlesque troupe leads you on a journey through missed connections, public transportation mishaps, starving-artist lifestyles and other facets of urban living in this fast-paced burlesque and performance art cabaret featuring Red Hot Annie, Po'Chop, Zara Estelle, Lilly Rascal, Raven Gemini and Mister Junior, with variety performers including clown Noel Williams, belly dancer Moxie and singer Samantha Lee.

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HAMMER TIME

Armie Hammer tries on the mask of an unironic icon in 'Lone Ranger'

UP NEXT FOR HAMMER

Apparently "The Lone Ranger" has whetted Armie Hammer's appetite for unironic characters from TV shows. Next up, he's Russian sidekick-spy Illya Kuryakin in the big-screen "Man from U.N.C.L.E." "I just started working on my Russian accent, doing a little Cold War spying research. Yeah, having fun with another TV show that's years before my time. But who wouldn't love to make a movie with Guy Ritchie?"

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Irony isn't a recent invention. But a savvy popular culture watcher would have to notice that for the past 20 years or so, American culture has enjoyed—or endured—a sort of Golden Age of Irony, as if the whole country has a permanently raised eyebrow, a tongue perpetually buried in its cheek.

So how does one turn one of the most unironic characters in screen history into a modern movie? You start with an actor who suggests unironic to the core. That actor is Armie Hammer.

"You can't make a movie now with the sort of story, characters and action that a 1950s TV show had," says Hammer, the earnest young star cast as the masked lawman in the new Gore Verbinski/Jerry Bruckheimer blockbuster opening Wednesday. He worried that if he played The Lone Ranger's humorless rectitude straight that "the audience's snores would drown out the soundtrack."

We are, Hammer notes, "too hip for the guy the way he was. Audiences are more discerning today—more sophisticated in terms of what they expect from a Western, a story like this. We had to give these two men a fresh twist and I hope we pull it off."

Who today would want to "return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear," where, "from out of the past come the thundering hoof beats of the great horse Silver"? How can "The Lone Ranger" ride again?

Hammer and the production team deliver a masked man in a white hat on a white horse. Their Ranger still uses a silver bullet as a calling card. But his "sidekick" and faithful Indian companion, Tonto, is the sharp one, whom Johnny Depp makes an eye-rolling commentator on the gee-whiz earnestness of his "Kemosabe."

"There was such care taken in assembling the iconic elements of the original show," says Hammer, who turns 27 in August. "We just wanted all those elements there, but given a fresh, modern twist."

So the new "Lone Ranger" has a robber baron as well as a darker, more violent reprise of the Masked Man's original nemesis back when he got his start as a radio character in the 1930s, outlaw Butch Cavendish. The U.S. Cavalry doesn't just "ride to the rescue." It does big business' bidding. Tonto is the wry observer to all this. But the Ranger? As straight an arrow as ever, with just a hint of self-awareness.

Hammer first gained notice playing evangelist Billy Graham ("Billy: The Early Years") and as a member of the cast of TV's "Reaper." His career took off when he starred as the privileged Winklevoss twins in "The Social Network." The chiseled actor seemed a natural choice for this role. Director Gore Verbinski speaks of Hammer "not having a cynical or jaded bone in his body" and "boyish." So if you're planning on relaunching the Lone Ranger as a possible film franchise, you could do worse.

"After I got the role, I found the TV shows on DVD, the old radio serials, old comic books, books based on him," says Hammer, who was too young to have ever seen the Clayton Moore/Jay Silverheels TV series, even in reruns. "There's this whole culture around this character that I wanted to tap into. Who he was and how he came to be that masked man fascinated me."

'The Lone Ranger'

A horse of an indifferent color

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The Lone Ranger
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Dear Johnny Depp,

You jam with Keith Richards and have a lifetime "Play whatever quirky character you want" card signed by Tim Burton, but you, in fact, can't do everything. For example, you can't—or at least you shouldn't—darken your skin, paint your face and play a Native American character primarily used for comic relief. You wouldn't do it were the character, say, black or Asian, would you?

I get it: You and director Gore Verbinski made a boatload of money with the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies, and in Tonto, the jokey companion to the Lone Ranger (Armie Hammer), you saw another chance to goofball it up. But the world has changed just a bit since these heroes originated in a 1930s radio show, and your young fans unfamiliar with the source material also are unlikely to care about an unimaginative Western that registers as uninspired rather than classic. Plus, you play Tonto like a disguised Jack Sparrow and reinforce your recent tendency to adapt your characters to you, rather than the other way around.

You were wise to star alongside Hammer ("Mirror, Mirror," "J. Edgar"). He's a likable chap and a good sport. Since his breakout turn in "The Social Network," though, he's exclusively appeared in misguided projects. He's reasonably effective in "The Lone Ranger" as John Reid, a district attorney who becomes a Texas ranger and has his opposition toward guns and vengeance tested after a wanted criminal (William Fichtner) kills John's brother (James Badge Dale). However, the two of you develop minimal buddy comedy chemistry because the character of Tonto is such a clown. Haha, you have a bird cage on your head. Haha, you're trying to communicate with a horse. "Do not touch rock," you say, half-heartedly committing to the part. "Rock cursed." Big laughs.

Maybe the overly praised "Rango" made you think another Western was a good idea and you ignored the failure of "Dark Shadows," the last property you revived to no one's entertainment. Still, you can't have thought "The Lone Ranger" needed to be 2 1/2 hours long, uncomfortably framed around the elderly version of Tonto telling a tale to a young, aspiring cowboy. The storyline about the expansion of the railroad is obviously DOA; the movie mistakes length for adventure and buffoonery for fun.

I watched it blankly, just as I've watched many of your performances of late that could be lifted from one movie and placed in another. I realize there aren't any huge Native American movie stars whom Disney would have used for Tonto, but please take notice that neither Willy Wonka nor the Mad Hatter found you switching races. In the film a horse may drag John through its droppings, but you're the one tarnishing your legacy.

Best,
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Despicable Me 2
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I realize that kids probably enjoy the "Despicable Me" minions, which look like banana Tic Tacs and speak their own language. Really, though, they're a key symbol of what's wrong with family movies that often craft goofy gimmicks ready to be merchandised and aimlessly fill screen time instead of characters that actually matter. Or do you still find Scrat, that damn "Ice Age" squirrel, a stitch?

Similarly, "Despicable Me 2," like its predecessor, is mild on every level: mildly funny, mildly annoying, mildly cute and mildly offensive. The story, created only because the 2010 effort made so much money, pairs former villain and current single father of three Gru (voiced by Steve Carell) with Lucy (Kristen Wiig), an agent of the Anti-Villain League trying to find out which mall store owner has stolen a serum that turns creatures into juiced-up maniacs. In terms of kids' movie themes, I suppose we could do worse than an anti-steroid message.

The writers can't be bothered to take advantage of the comic opportunities provided by the serum, however, or even provide any red herrings to disguise the identity of the crook. They do have a few nice gags, like Gru's childhood pain-derived anxiety toward romance and a villain named El Macho who lived his name so strongly that he robbed armored cars by carrying them away and died riding a dynamite-clad shark into a volcano. (Gru thinks a Mexican stereotype named Eduardo and voiced by Benjamin Bratt may be the return of El Macho.)

"Despicable Me 2" mostly provides jokes like the minions laughing at a guy whose last name is Lambsbottom, simply so Gru can call him Sheepsbutt. Get it? "Bottom" and "butt" are funny words, and the fart noises from the minions' guns are funny sounds. Lucy exclaims, "Booby!" when spotting a booby trap and, believe it or not, the minions sing a version of All 4 One's "I Swear." Sigh.

Meanwhile, Gru's girls are largely pushed to the side, as if kids can raise themselves. That's actually not the case in reality, but it's no shock that "Despicable Me 2" neglects to give youngsters much credit.

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■**Despicable Me 2 3D** (PG) ★ 11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 6:40, 9:20
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■**Despicable Me 2 3D** (PG) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
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■**Despicable Me 2** (PG) ★ Ð 3:00, 5:45, 8:30, 11:15
■**Despicable Me 2 3D** (PG) ★ 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15
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■**Django Unchained** (R) Ð 10:00
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Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic *iPad*

!!!

While George Lucas was busy disappointing us with the "Star Wars" prequels a decade ago, gamers warmly embraced the role-player "Knights of the Old Republic" because it did the opposite and surpassed modest expectations. The story and characters at the heart of BioWare's 2003 epic about a mysterious young Jedi charged with stopping a Sith lord was light-years ahead of anything coming from LucasArts. It's great to see a KOTR revival on iPad, but the gameplay hasn't aged well compared to modern space operas like "Mass Effect" and the touchscreen controls are iffy. If only we could use the Force to play this game instead of our fingers.

Game & Wario

Wii U

!!!!

Mario's evil doppelganger has jumped ship to a brand-new Nintendo system, but he certainly hasn't lost his demented sense of humor. "Game & Wario" utilizes the Wii U's touchscreen controller in entertaining and ridiculous ways for its collection of 16 minigames. Some of the standouts include a rhythm pirate game in which you block incoming cannon fire in time with music (think "Just Dance" meets "Pirates of the Caribbean") and an entry starring Wario's girlfriend Mona as a photographer trying to snap pics of ghosts, models and criminals with the GamePad acting as a "camera." "Game & Wario" isn't perfect, but if you ignore the clunkers in the batch you get the best party game of the year.

Company of Heroes 2

PC

!!!!

There's realism in video games and then there's "Company of Heroes 2," a World War II strategy game in which your army actually can freeze to death in a Russian winter unless you keep them warm by building fires. Authenticity is what sets "CoH2" apart from many other war-based video games. In the campaign mode, you fight through various battles along the Eastern Front from the period from 1941 to 1945 through the eyes of a fictional lieutenant who recounts his tales of battle while being interrogated later. It's a complex game that's punishing to newcomers but rewarding to those with patience and a love for WWII history and tactics.

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9 Seaweed
13 Fills with wonder
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16 Zone
17 Jump
18 Valuable item
19 Orange peel
20 Pharmacy
22 Loose _; unfinished business
23 Curved edges
24 Female sheep
26 Growls
29 Handcrafted
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35 Yearned
36 Cry
37 Passionate
38 Rescued
39 Give the cold shoulder to
40 Rotten
41 Secret agents
42 Honking birds
43 Slumberers
45 Laughed loudly
46 PC alternative
47 Small brook
48 Messy person
51 About to occur
56 Swimming spot
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60 Tool with a curved blade
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3 Bosc or Bartlett
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10 Gray or Moran
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14 _ on; incited
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32 Throw water on
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38 Sample set aside for testing
39 Making airtight
41 Mineral spring
42 Wedding ring material
44 Symbol; badge
45 Hoses down
47 Send in payment
48 Quarrel
49 Mother _; rich ore deposit
50 Seep out
52 Female horse
53 Bowler's targets
54 Within walking distance
55 Festive event
59 Bill denomination

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1950: U.S. and North Korean forces clashed for the first time in the Korean War.
2003: The U.S. placed a $25 million bounty on Saddam Hussein.
2009: Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate, abruptly announced she would step down as governor more than a year before the end of her term.

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FACEOFF

HOT AS HELL

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE VS. ROBIN THICKE

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Who's summer's smoothest operator?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Remember way back in January, when we were all like "OOOOOH, JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE HAS A NEW ALBUM COMING OUT"? Well, we still feel like that—after all, he's spitting another one out in September. But Justin needs to watch his back. Robin Thicke, who's been around since 2002's "When I Get You Alone," is steaming up the charts with "Blurred Lines," and released another single this week, "Give It 2 U." So which one of these guys is the most soulful stud of summer? There's only one way to decide: a RedEye faceoff. Just don't touch the hair. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

LOOK

☐ **Justin:** Tuxes, suits and no more 'fro. Wait, how'd he get rid of the 'fro?

☒ **Robin:** Tuxes, suits and an impish twinkle in his eye.

WINNER: ROBIN. Though he ALMOST kinda looks like George Michael these days, Justin got rid of that 'fro with straightening products, which makes us LAUGH.

PERSONA

☐ Junkie for your love

☒ Too sexy for your clothes

WINNER: ROBIN. While JT is staring at the mirror, Robin is busy staring the dress straight off your body.

CREW

☒ Jay-Z and more Jay-Z. The two are so tight, we suspect Kanye's (more than) a little jealous.

☐ Teamed up with Pharrell and T.I. for his "Blurred Lines" vid.

WINNER: JUSTIN. Thou can't compete against Hova, so don't even try.

SAMPLE SEXY LINES

☐ "She's my little strawberry strawberry strawberry bubblegum"

☒ "The way you grab me/Must wanna get nasty/Go ahead, get at me"

WINNER: ROBIN. What is this, Justin, middle school?

TOUR

☒ All stadiums, all the time. He's hitting Soldier Field with Jay-Z on July 22.

☐ There's only one upcoming slot, and it's on our home turf: Taste of Chicago on July 11.

WINNER: JUSTIN. While we feel special that Robin chose us for a sizzlingly intimate summer spot, there's no denying the sexiness of power.

OVERALL WINNER **ROBIN**. He's the hottest bitch in this place. Justin, we'll always have N'Sync.

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red hot

Now casting for the next Batman. Christian Bale confirmed to **ew.com** that he will not play the Caped Crusader in the upcoming "Justice League" movie, which assembles a supergroup of DC Comics heroes. "We were incredibly fortunate to get to make three [Batman films]," he said. "That's enough. Let's not get greedy."

REBOOT THE BAT

Baby on board

It's a girl for Tracy Morgan and fiancee Megan Wollover, Morgan's rep confirmed to **people.com**. Wollover gave birth to their daughter, Maven Sonae, on Tuesday in New York. "Love to all my fans and thank you for your support," Morgan said. "We hope to see you soon."

Bring the Passion

Make way on the stage: Passion Pit is among the acts that have joined the lineup for the North Coast Music Festival, the fest announced Tuesday. A-Trak, Gramatik and Emancipator also join the Aug. 30-Sept. 1 fest at Union Park. Tickets are available at northcoastfestival.com.

GETTYIMAGES

Till death

It's official! Canadian power couple Chad Kroeger and Avril Lavigne are married, having tied the knot Monday in the south of France, **usmagazine.com** reports. After the ceremony, they hosted a dinner and reception that reportedly ran until 6 a.m. Now, when will Canada declare July 1 a national holiday?

THE DIGIT

4 That's the number of seasons planned (so far) for "Falling Skies" now that TNT has renewed the alien invasion drama for next year.

"I do not improvise in heels. I improvise in sneakers." —**Amy Poehler**, to **vanityfair.com**, on one of the secrets to her comedy

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